

## Message Text

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TAGS: SENV, CA  
SUBJECT: BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING AUTHORITY DELAYED

1. PRESS ON APRIL 28 ANNOUNCED THAT MINISTER OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS WARREN ALLMAND HAS DELAYED SENDING A RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE DRILLING IN THE BEAUFORT SEA THIS SUMMER. REPORTEDLY, HIS DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NORTH SEA OIL BLOW-OUT PRIOR TO FORWARDING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON DOME APPLICATION.

2. AT SAME TIME, GOC ALSO ANNOUNCED IN PRESS ITS TEN-MILLION-DOLLAR FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM TO DEVELOP, TEST AND PERFECT OIL SPILL CONTAINMENT AND CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES IN ARCTIC WATERS. NORTH SEA BLOW-OUT HAS GIVEN ADDED EMPHASIS TO CONCERN WHETHER CURRENT OIL CLEAN-UP CONTINGENCY PLAN OF DOME IS ADEQUATE.

3. COMMENT: GOC SOURCES CONFIRM THAT MINISTER ALLMAND HAS DELAYED SUBMITTING HIS RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET. HOWEVER, TIME FRAME FOR FURTHER REVIEW IS VERY SHORT SINCE DOME NEEDS AUTHORITY WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS IF IT IS TO  
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START DRILLING AS SCHEDULED. NORTH SEA BLOW-OUT CERTAINLY HAS COME AT A BAD TIME FROM DOME'S POINT OF VIEW; ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S OPPOSITION WILL BE REINFORCED AND AUTHORITY TO DRILL WILL BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED BY OPPONENTS OF PROGRAM. ENDERS

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